

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for handling electronic messages in a network, the method comprising the steps of:

each said message having mailing details and content, said content being in first format;

10 converting said first format of each said messages into a second format storable as an attachment to an e-mail;

creating an e-mail message with said mailing details and said converted content, and having said converted content as an attachment.

- 15 2. A messaging system comprising:

a server, constructed to receive messages and to create e-mail messages; and

a storage device in operable connection with said server,

a streaming unit to stream e-mail messages to a user, in operable connection with said server.

20 means for providing e-mail messages to users without requiring said users to locally store said messages.

3. A messaging server comprising:

conversion unit, constructed to convert a first format of message received in said server into an e-mail with an attachment and mailing details.

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4. A method for enabling stream retrieval of stream type content from a Multi Purpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) format storage in an Internet Messaging Access Protocol 4 (IMAP4) compliant network, comprising the steps:

analyzing the MIME data construction of said incoming stream type content;

decoding base64 decoding of said analyzed MIME data construction;

performing a second, multi-part MIME tree analysis of said decoded data;

reconstructing said second analyzed data in a stream-compatible data construction to generate an outgoing stream data construction asynchronous with said incoming stream data.

wherein said incoming stream type content and said outgoing data stream are asynchronous with each other.